

# MONTANA CAREER RESOURCE NETWORK

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## Internet MCIS - An Ongoing Success



Most of our subscribers have expressed a tremendous amount of excitement with the new Internet Version of MCIS. The average user finds it easier to navigate, with a more improved visual presentation, and several new options not available on the Windows version. They also love the fact that there is no setup or installation needed for the Internet version as well as being compatible with both Windows and Macintosh computers. Another benefit to our subscribers has been the greater access to MCIS throughout each of their physical locations.

Delivering Internet MCIS to our customers has also allowed us to seamlessly add new tools to the program as they become available. This fall there will be an expanded portfolio section in Internet MCIS, which will include an online resume writer. It will be easy to enter your personal information

and generate resumes in three different formats.

Due to the overwhelming success and efficiency of Internet MCIS, we will be offering it as our primary form of delivery beginning with the new release in October. Having the Internet MCIS as your delivery system, we will be able to provide you with instant and continuous improvement of our product.

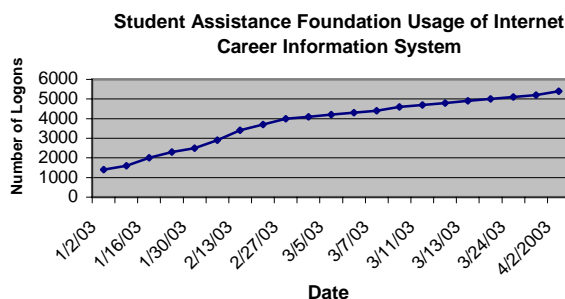
If for some reason you require a Windows MCIS version on CD we can accommodate you for an additional fee. Please complete the form, which is provided on the back page of this newsletter. You may either FAX the form to Francis Stephenson at 406.444.7499 or mail your request by May 23rd to:

Montana Career Information System  
PO Box 1728  
Helena, MT 59624-1728

There will be no Windows MCIS version on CD mailed except by special order. Also, you need to keep in mind that the Windows MCIS product will only contain new data and none of the new enhancements that Internet MCIS offers.

# SAF/MCIS Partnership

The partnership between the Student Assistance Foundation and MCIS has been a total success and well received by both parents and students. Throughout the year, students and parents have received free access to the MCIS program simply by going through the website [safmt.org](http://safmt.org) then clicking on the MCIS button and registering for a free password. So far this year the SAF website has received over 5500 logons.



SAF has been promoting MCIS throughout the state at conferences including the Tech Prep conference last fall and most recently at the Montana Indian Educator's Association conference. Advertisements featuring MCIS, are appearing around the state. One billboard message reads. "We can help you decide what you want to be when you grow up...even if you're 43." The idea is that people of all ages can explore their interests, look into new careers and compare schools with MCIS. This advertising campaign that runs through April includes radio, billboards, as well as television spots.

The key component of the SAF/MCIS partnership is introducing the awesome power of this career-planning tool. To bring this message home, SAF has been active in distributing booklets that explain the various features of MCIS. Over 12,000 booklets have been delivered into the hands of students and parents across Montana since October of last year. Through this progressive partnership, more Montana students are logging on and planning for a better tomorrow.

## News & Updates

### News:

Due to glitches in using IP addresses to access Internet MCIS, we have had to contact many of our subscribers in order to have them switch from IP address to a username and password. These usernames and passwords are to be used by the whole agency or school when using MCIS at <http://mtcis.intocareers.org/>

This username and password is only to be used by the subscriber at their physical location or site. If the student wishes to use MCIS at home then they must go through the website for Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) at <http://www.safmt.org/>

There are still a number of schools and agencies that have not logged on to the MCIS website since they have received their new password. We would appreciate, that as soon as each school has received their username and password, that they try to log into the Internet MCIS website <http://mtcis.intocareers.org/> This will insure that their password is correct and working properly.

### Update:

There is an eight-page tutorial pamphlet that has been written for the MCIS Internet Version, which is located on the MCRN website. This pamphlet may be downloaded by going to <http://mtcis.dli.state.mt.us/>

From the MCRN homepage, look to the left under MCRN navigation and under **Publications** you will see the word **Brochure**. Click on **Brochure** & then click on **download the latest copy here**. You are now able to print this brochure. You are now able to print this brochure. The object of this brochure is to teach new users how to navigate through the Internet Version of MCIS. This brochure may be of great use in the classroom or anytime you may not have the time to sit down and explain the navigation of the MCIS Internet version.

# MCIS Training Workshops



Over the next three months, I will be having most of the MCIS Internet training at the Student Assistance Foundation (SAF). This state-of-the-art computer lab is located in the basement at 2500 Broadway in Helena and seats approximately 21 people. Upcoming trainings will cover the MCIS Internet version in detail as well as any updates to the program since its inception.

I would like to organize groupings of teachers from schools and several of the new employees at the Workforce Centers around Montana to work with me in coming together for training. Since we have started offering Internet MCIS there have been many subscribers that have requested training. If your school or agency would like to be trained at the Student Assistance Foundation and would like to schedule a specific date, please let me know at your earliest convenience and I will set it up.

At this point, I have reserved the computer lab for the following Internet MCIS training dates:

Wed. May 7	1—4:30pm
Wed. May 21	1—4:30pm
Wed. June 4	1—4:30pm

More training dates will be added if needed. To sign up for one of these sessions of Internet MCIS training, please call me at 1-800-354-8830 or email me with your training request at [fstephenson@state.mt.us](mailto:fstephenson@state.mt.us)

## MCIS High Usage Sites

Missoula County Public Schools	3413 logins
Plains High School	2484 logins
CM Russell High School	2235 logins
Capital High School	1935 logins
Billings School District #2	1910 logins
Ronan High School	1312 logins
Fort Benton High	1070 logins
Havre High School	769 logins
Three Forks High School	670 logins

# Montana Career Guide Still Available



There are still 2002 Montana Career Guides available and ready to be shipped this spring, for schools that have their career information classes scheduled around this time of year. The end of the school year seems to be a popular time for most schools to concentrate on career education.

For copies of the Career Guide:

Call: 1-800-354-8830

E-mail: [fstephenson@state.mt.us](mailto:fstephenson@state.mt.us)

FAX: 406-444-7499

Web: Click Order Now

Mail Request To:

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Bundles of 40 - \$10 Box of 160 - \$40

There are only 10 boxes left, so hurry while supplies last!!!!!!

## Coming Next Fall



A new publication called "Who Needs Math & Science" is in the works to be published by the beginning of the next school year. It is a series of interviews with people that have careers that use math and science.

To fax or mail your order for the 2003 MCIS Windows CD use this form: *(check the following if necessary)*

In addition to Internet MCIS I need the CD version. Please send me both versions.

I understand there will be an additional charge for the CD version. \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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